

MURDER NEVER JUSTIFIED—STRATON

THE HALL-MILLS CASE.

A DAILY PICTURE STORY OF
THE MYSTERIOUS JERSEY TRAGEDY

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MONDAY'S INSTALLMENT



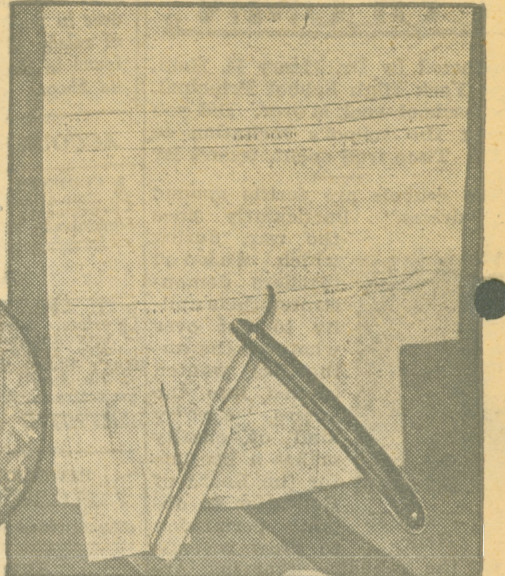
Mute reminder of the terrible tragedy which cost two lives and broke up as many families as the clothes, blood-stained and spotted with dirt, which Mrs. Mills wore the fatal night.

this watch case was picked up where Mrs. Gibson's mule was standing. The man who found it removed the works. This might bring out a clue E. J. H. Newark



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This watch case, the works removed, was picked up on the old Phillips farm near the spot where Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," says she saw members of the Stevens family as she rode her mule over the premises near the crabapple tree when the two bodies were discovered thirty-six hours later.



An old-fashioned type of razor, its blade dyed a deep crimson, has been turned over to the authorities and is supposed to have been the weapon used by the murderers in slashing the throat of Mrs. Mills.

Divine Vengeance On All Sinners Is Assured, He Says

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duction prohibited.)

Because I have endeavored in this series of articles on the Hall-Mills case to bring out the enormity of the crime that really caused this double killing, some have asked the question:—

"Is murder ever excusable?"

I answer promptly and most emphatically, NO, NEVER!

One wrong can never be corrected by the perpetration of another wrong; and however dark and dastardly may be the treason to domestic ties, and however sad and shocking the grief to loving hearts through these things, murder is certainly not the way either to heal or to avenge these wrongs. Therefore, God says to us through the Bible, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

Wherever men try to take the balancing of the scales of justice out of the hands of God they invariably make a mess of it and cause confusion worse confounded, when without their interference only confusion reigns.

Repentance Possible

A moment's clear thinking about this matter must convince any fair mind of both the wisdom and righteousness of these Bible principles.

Think, for one thing, of the possibility of repentance on the part of these two murdered people. There are cases innumerable where men and women have allowed themselves to be swept away by illicit infatuations, but who at last have repented of their sins, righted the wrongs done as far as they could be righted and made all possible human recompense by right conduct and noble endeavor for the remainder of their lives.

Judgment Is Certain

This does not mean that wrongdoing ought to be tolerated, even temporarily, or that the enormity of sin should be softened while repentance is waited for; but it does mean that the vindication of righteous law is sure at the hands of Almighty God, and that in the fulness of time all iniquity will be adequately requited; and it means further that there are methods available, even under human government, for the staying of iniquity and the righting of wrongs, and that whenever men take vengeance into their own hands they

Dr. Straton Tells His Reason for Views In Hall Case

When I received the invitation from The GRAPHIC to write on the Hall-Mills case I was given the assurance that The GRAPHIC desired to do a service for God and man by opening its columns for lessons in right living and straight thinking, in the light of this terrible tragedy, which, because of the prominence of those connected with it and the deplorable conditions that brought it forth, has centered the grief and amazed attention of the whole world.



Dr. Straton

only defeat the possibility of the final victory of righteousness. Was not one of the fountains of grief and anger in the heart of Hamlet the fact that his father had been cut off without any opportunity to repent of his sins? And if this preacher and his paramour had not been so suddenly cut off, who knows but what repentance and revulsion against their misconduct might have come, and through these things the redemption of their souls and the safeguarding finally of the happiness of all concerned? The fact that Jesus Christ suf-

fered upon the Cross to turn aside the righteous wrath of a just and Holy God from a race of rebellious sinners is the most glorious fact in universal history, because it gave us all a chance to repent and to make our peace with God.

No, murder can never be palliated or excused; and the murderers in the Hall-Mills case, whoever they may be, will have to pay the full penalty for their crime—if not through an earthly court, then certainly before the Court of Heaven!

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